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1. [ ] EXPECTS TO HAVE FULL REPORT ON HIS ISLAMABAD FINDINGS COMPLETED SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. SINCE HIS RETURN, HE'S BEEN ALMOST TOTALLY OCCUPIED WITH THE EXTENSIVE MOSCOW CHANGES OF THE PAST WEEK. WILL POUCH COPIES OF THE REPORTS TO HQS AND MCCOY AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED.

2. BECAUSE OF BRIEF DURATION OF HIS TDY [ ] WAS UNABLE TO DRAW UP A COVERAGE PROGRAM AND LEAVE IT WITH [ ] HE'S NOW IN THAT PROCESS, GOING THROUGH HIS EXTENSIVE NOTES AND DRAWING UP SCHEDULES. THE SCHEDULES WILL BE INCORPORATED IN HIS FINAL REPORT IN SUCH FORM AS TO ENABLE [ ] TO RECORD AND FEED.

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3. [ ] GENERAL OBSERVATION ON SOVIET REGIONALS IS THAT HE DID NOT FIND ISLAMABAD AS PRODUCTIVE AS THE FBIS SURVEY HAD LED HIM TO EXPECT. WHILE NUMEROUS REGIONALS ARE AUDIBLE, THEY ARE NOT MONITORABLE. IN HIS VISIT HE HAD TIME ENOUGH TO DO A THOROUGH CHECK OF SOVIET REGIONALS AND AFGHANISTAN BUT ONLY A CURSORY CHECK OF TEHRAN SERVICES AND IRANIAN REGIONALS. A BRIEF SUMMARY OF HIS FINDINGS FOLLOWS:

A. AFGHANISTAN: KABUL DOMESTIC'S FIRST PROGRAM (MONITORED HERE) IS HEARD THROUGHOUT THE BROADCAST DAY WITH NEAR PERFECT RECEPTION. IT CAN BE RECEIVED ON AS MANY AS EIGHT FREQUENCIES WITH RECEPTION RANGING FROM EXCELLENT TO GOOD. KABUL DOMESTIC'S SECOND PROGRAM (NOT MONITORABLE HERE) WHICH BROADCASTS IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES INCLUDING UZBEK AND NURISTANI IS HEARD WITH GOOD RECEPTION THROUGHOUT THE BROADCAST DAY BUT ONLY ON ONE FREQUENCY. THE EXTERNAL SERVICE TO ASIA IN ENGLISH AND URDU IS FAIR, BUT THE OTHER SERVICES TO EUROPE AND THE ME ARE NOT MONITORABLE.

B. IRAN: RECEPTION OF TEHRAN DOMESTIC SHORTWAVE IS WORSE

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IN ISLAMABAD THAN IN CAVERSHAM. NO MEDIUMWAVE CASTS CAN BE HEARD DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, SO THERE IS NO CHANCE OF IMPROVING DAYLIGHT RECEPTION HERE. HOWEVER QUITE A FEW MEDIUMWAVE STATIONS ARE HEARD AT NIGHT, INCLUDING ZAHEDAN AND TEHRAN DOMESTIC, AND SINCE BBC LOSES ITS SHORTWAVE DOMESTIC COVERAGE BETWEEN 2130 AND 0200 GMT AND MUST RELY ON THE EXTERNAL SERVICE FOR COVERAGE, MEDIUMWAVE COVERAGE FROM ISLAMABAD DURING THESE HOURS WILL FILL THE PRESENT GAP IN TEHRAN DOMESTIC COVERAGE.

C. SOVIET REGIONALS: TASHKENT (UZBEK SSR), DUSHANBE (TADZHIK) AND ALMA ATA (KAZAKH) ARE HEARD WITH GOOD RECEPTION THROUGHOUT THE BROADCAST DAY. FRUNZE (KIRGHIZ) AND ASHKABAD FADE OUT IN LATE MORNING AND COME BACK AT TWILIGHT, BUT AS MAJOR NEWSCASTS ARE CARRIED DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS, THEY WOULD BE MONITORABLE. TBILISI (GEORGIA), BAKU (ARMENIA) AND YEREVAN (AZERBAIJAN) ARE NOT MONITORABLE.

4. A COMPLICATING FACTOR HAS BEEN THE RECENT MOSCOW TIME CHANGES. AS REGIONAL PROGRAMING IS BUILT AROUND RELAYS OF MAJOR MOSCOW CASTS, THE COVERAGE SCHEDULES [ ] IS NOW DRAWING UP MAY BE OBSOLETE AND THE RADIOS MAY HAVE TO BE RE-SURVEYED TO DETERMINE THE NEW PROGRAMMING SCHEDULES. THERE IS NO WAY OF ESTABLISHING THIS UNTIL [ ] BEGINS RECORDING AND FEEDING FROM SCHEDULES [ ] NOW PREPARING.

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